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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In an Office Action dated July 29, 2004, a Restriction Requirement divides the application into the following two Groups:

Group I: claims 1 – 6, drawn to a transmission unit performing a synchronization function (classified in U.S. class 370, subclass 389); and

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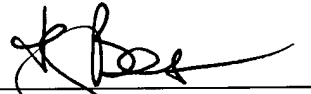
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Group II: claims 7 - 11, drawn to a state transition management unit, which changes  
a mode of operation (classified in U.S. class 370, subclass 474).

According to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, comprising  
claims 1 - 6, without traverse. Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional  
application relating to the claims of Groups II at a later date.

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